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Mr. Jerry Costello
The Jerry Costello Group, LLC
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Dear Mr. Costello:

Thank you for your March 22, 2016 letter regarding the permit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is drafting for Veolia ES Technical Solutions, LLC in Sauget, Illinois.

On December 8, 2015, George Czerniak, the Director of the Air and Radiation Division, and I met with Doug Harris, General Manager for Veolia, to receive Veolia's response to our last and best offer to resolve our differences concerning the terms of the Veolia permit in a fashion that would speed the issuance of a permit and be protective of the public health and environment in the community. I believe that both parties sought resolution of this matter in good faith and narrowed the issues considerably during our extensive and high-level discussions. Despite these efforts, we and Mr. Harris agreed that the parties could not bridge the significant remaining gaps. We will be in touch with Veolia shortly concerning next steps.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact George Czerniak at (312) 886-6789.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert A. Kaplan".

Robert A. Kaplan
Acting Regional Administrator